

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

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Papers of the Dublin Branch of the British Medical Association from its foundation in 1877. Includes administrative, financial and membership papers, also material relating to the 1933 visit of the British Medical Association to Dublin and the 1952 Doctors' hobbies exhibition

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BMA
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Collection
1877-1958

Extent:

3 boxes

Creator:

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch
BMA Dublin Meeting Committee

Description:

Papers of the Dublin Branch of the British Medical Association (BMA), including minutes, membership and financial papers and reports. Also a small number of records relating to the BMA visit to Dublin in 1933 and an exhibition held in Trinity in 1952.

Arrangement:

Papers have been divided into seven sections by record type; Administrative Papers, Membership Papers, Financial Papers, Reports, Events, History and Newspaper Cuttings.

Administrative History:

The British Medical Association was founded in 1832, with the aim of promoting medical sciences and protecting the interests of the medical profession. From 1835 branches were established in regions of the United Kingdom, with the Dublin Branch being established in 1877 '*to further the fundamental objects of the Association, and the interest of the Irish members of the professions in particular*'.

The Dublin Branch did not see itself as in competition with the Irish Medical Association but allied to it. The branch meet in the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, and expressed their view of the issues facing the medical profession to the main Association.

The records of the Dublin Branch held by the archive stop in 1902, this is about the time that there was a major reorganisation of the BMA structure, which may be part of the reason. In 1936 the Irish Medical Association became affiliated with the BMA, and changed there name to the Irish Free State Medical Union. At this point the Dublin Branch of the BMA merged into the new union.

In 1933 the BMA undertook a visit to Dublin, the first since 1887, the event was organised by a committee of medics under the chairmanship of T G Moorhead. A joint BMA and Irish Medical Association exhibition was also held in Dublin in 1952.

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BMA/1
Administrative papers

Section
1877-1903

Extent:
4 items

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Small collection of administrative papers of the Dublin Branch including minute books, official papers and By-laws.

Arrangement:
Items are arranged chronologically

BMA/1/1 Official papers

1877-1897

Extent:
9 items

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Official letters, notices of motions and ballot papers printed for the Dublin Branch.

BMA/1/2 Council minute book

25 June 1877
- 2 November
1881

Extent:
c.80 pages

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Minute book of the Council of the Dublin Branch, contains manuscript minutes with some letters and newspaper cuttings.

BMA/1/3 Minute book

**24 June 1887
- 8 April 1903**

Extent:
c.300 pages

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Minute book of the Council of the Dublin Branch, contains manuscript minutes with annual reports, accounts, letters and newspaper cuttings

BMA/1/4 Memorandum and Articles of Association

1893-1895

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
British Medical Association
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

- Memorandum, Articles of Association and By-laws of the BMA (1893)
- Memorandum, Articles of Association, By-laws and Branch By-laws of the BMA (1895)
- By-laws of the Dublin Branch (undated).

BMA/2
Membership papers

Section
1887-1902

Extent:
7 items

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Papers relating to the membership of the Dublin Branch, including membership and subscription registers and forms.

Arrangement:
Items are arranged chronologically

BMA/2/1 Membership book

1887-1896

Extent:
c.175 pages

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Alphabetically index membership book, gives members name and details of subscription paid each year.

BMA/2/2 Subscription register

1887-1900

Extent:
50 pages

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Counterfoils of subscription register, main page sent to BMA headquarters. Register counterfoils give name and address of doctor and amount of subscription paid

BMA/2/3 Forms for advising new members

1889

Extent:
25 pages

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Forms give name and address of new member, date of membership and date from which journals are to be sent.

Forms were completed by the Dublin Branch and one part was sent to the main BMA headquarters the other part was retained by the local branch.

Also a blank membership application form.

BMA/2/4 Membership and subscriptions

1889-1901

Extent:
44 pages

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
File of reports, sent half yearly, from BMA headquarters to the Dublin Branch, reports contain lists of those who have paid their membership fees and names of those removed from the register for non-payment.

File also contains details of membership of the BMA across Leinster and a map showing the location of the various BMA branches in the British Isles.

BMA/2/5 Membership fee advice notes 1893-1897

Extent:
c.150 page

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Advice slips sent to the Dublin Branch by BMA headquarters informing them of the payment of branch fees by members.

BMA/2/6 Membership fee advice notes 1901-1902

Extent:
c.100 items

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Advice slips sent to the Dublin Branch by BMA headquarters informing them of the payment of branch fees by members.

BMA/2/7 Subscription register 1902

Extent:
50 pages

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Subscription registers, main page sent to BMA headquarters counterfoil retained by Dublin Branch. Register counterfoils give name and address of doctor and amount of subscription paid, only 4 pages have been used.

**BMA/3
Financial papers**

**Section
1887-1902**

Extent:

9 files and items

Creator:

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

Collection of the financial papers of the Dublin branch, including bank books, receipts, cheques and subscription receipts.

Arrangement:

Items are arranged chronologically

BMA/3/1 Bank book

1887-1894

Extent:

c.85 pages

Creator:

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

Bank book for the Dublin Branch's bank account with the Ulster Bank Limited.

BMA/3/2 Receipts and cheques

1890-1893

Extent:

61 items

Creator:

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

Receipts and paid cheques

BMA/3/3 Balance sheets and statements of account 1890-1897

Extent:

8 items

Creator:

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

File of balance sheets and yearly accounts prepared by the Dublin branch, this is not a complete set.

BMA/3/4 Cheque books 1891-1896

Extent:

2 items

Creator:

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

Two cheque books of the Dublin Branch, with completed stubs only

BMA/3/5 Association subscription receipts 1891-1902

Extent:

5 items

Creator:

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

Receipt books, with completed stubs, for association subscriptions received by the Dublin Branch

BMA/3/6 Branch subscription receipts 1891-1902

Extent:

5 items

Creator:

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

Receipt books, with completed stubs, for branch subscriptions received by the Dublin branch.

BMA/3/7 Receipts and cheques

1894-1896

Extent:

56 items

Creator:

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

Receipts and paid cheques

BMA/3/8 Receipts and cheques

1897-1902

Extent:

28 items

Creator:

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

Receipts and paid cheques

BMA/4 Reports

**Section
1880-c.1900**

Extent:
13 files and items

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Series of reports on various medical issues prepared either by the Dublin Branch or by the main Association. Section also includes letters and copies of legislation collected by the branch relating to specific issues.

Arrangement:
Items are arranged chronologically

BMA/4/1 Report on notification of infectious diseases 1880

Extent:
6 pages

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Manuscript report of the Committee on the Notification of Infectious Diseases

BMA/4/2 Medical Acts 1882-1897

Extent:
7 items

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Papers relating to various proposed amendments to the Medical Acts, including copies of proposed bills to amend the medical acts and restrict unqualified persons, and the views of interested parties.

BMA/4/3 Midwives and Obstetrical Nurses Bills 1883-1899

Extent:

4 items

Creator:

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

British Medical Association

Moore, John William, 1845-1937

Description:

Papers relating to proposed legislation to regulate midwives and obstetrical nurses, file includes:

- Report of the Dublin branch on a draft bill to regulate midwives (1883)
- BMA's view of the Midwives Bill with covering letter (1899)
- A letter from John William Moore to the main Association setting out the view of the Dublin Branch on the obstetrical nurses bill and in regards to medical defence (see BMA/4/9)

BMA/4/4 Report on the Army Medical Department 1884, 1897

Extent:

2 items

Creator:

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

Printed report on the present condition of the army medical department approved and adopted by the council of the Dublin branch, with a later letter on the same subject.

BMA/4/5 Public Vaccinators 1885-1886

Extent:

7 pages

Creator:

Local Government Board for Ireland

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

Letters from the Local Government Board, with enclosures, sent to the Dublin branch in response to their enquires about the training and appointment of public vaccinators

BMA/4/6 Report on Medical Charities

**13 December
1892**

Extent:

2 items

Creator:

British Medical Association

Description:

Report of the committee on Medical Charities of the British Medical Association, with a covering letter forwarding the report to the Dublin branch.

BMA/4/7 Poor Law Medical Officers

c.1893 -1895

Extent:

9 items

Creator:

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

Papers relating to low levels of remunerations for poor law medical officers and disqualification from acting as county councilors. File contains;

- copy of a proposed Poor Law Officers (Ireland) Superannuation Bill
- printed sheet detailing the hardships of the current system
- petitions for an enquiry signed by the Cork Poor Law Medical Officers Association, the Ulster Medical Society, the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland and Trinity College Dublin.

BMA/4/8 Public Health (Ireland) Bill 1896

Extent:
14 pages

Creator:
House of Commons

Description:
Printed copy of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill

BMA/4/9 Medical Defense 1895-1897

Extent:
4 items

Creator:
British Medical Association
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Papers relating to the suggestion that the British Medical Association should take on a medical defence roll, includes;

- a reply to the Interim Report of the Committee of Medical Defence (1895)
- a letter to the Dublin branch informing them they view the suggestion with disfavour (1896)
- a report of the British Medical Association's Committee to the Branches on Medical Defence (1896)
- an article on the subject reprinted from the British Medical Journal (1896).

See also BMA/4/3

BMA/4/10 Mercer's Hospital dispute 1897

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
British Medical Association
Ternan, W G, fl. late nineteenth century

Description:

Copy letters between Dr W G Ternan and the British Medical Association relating to a dispute at Mercer's Hospital, Ternan is advised to lay the matter before the Dublin branch.

BMA/4/11 Report of the Constitution Committee 1897

Extent:
2 items

Creator:
British Medical Association

Description:
Printed copy of the report of the Constitution Committee on changes to the BMA's constitution, with a covering letter sending the report of the Dublin branch

BMA/4/12 Tuberculosis c.1899

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch
British Medical Association

Description:
Papers relating to Tuberculosis including a typed report of the Dublin branch on the prevention of tuberculosis in Ireland and the British Medical Association's Parliamentary Bills Committee report on tuberculosis.

BMA/4/13 Teaching of dermatology c.1900

Extent:
9 pages

Creator:
Beatty, Wallace, 1853-1923

Description:

Typescript of '*A plea for the teaching of dermatology in the universities and medical schools*' by Wallace Beatty, [submitted to the Dublin branch of the British Medical Association].

**BMA/5
Events**

**Section
1886-1958**

Extent:
7 files and items

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch
British Medical Association

Description:
Papers relating to events held by the Dublin Branch of the BMA, also the visit of the BMA to Dublin in 1933 and a joint exhibition held by the BMA in Trinity College in 1952.

BMA/5/1 Annual dinners 1886-1899

Extent:
3 items

Creator:
British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:
Ticket receipt books for the 1886 and 1888 annual dinners, with the menu and programme card for the 1899 dinner

BMA/5/2 BMA fifty-fifth annual meeting 1887

Extent:
1 photograph

Creator:
W Lawrence, Dublin, photographers

Description:
Mounted photograph of the fifty fifth annual meeting of the British Medical Association in Dublin, taken outside [Trinity College].

BMA/5/3
1933 visit to Dublin

Series
1931-1933

Extent:
5 items

Creator:
BMA Dublin Meeting Committee

Description:
Small collection of material relating to the BMA's visit to Dublin in July 1933. The visit was arranged and organised by a executive committee of Irish doctors under the chairmanship of T G Moorhead. As well as the executive committee there were a series of eight sub-committees established to oversee arrangements in specific areas.

See also BMS/4 for details of the Doctors' Hobbies Exhibition held as part of this visit.

BMA/5/3/1 BMA Dublin meeting executive committee minutes 21 October 1931 - 22 September 1933

Extent:
c.150 pages

Creator:
BMA Dublin Meeting Executive Committee

Description:
Minutes of the executive committee and sub-committee relating the organisation, planning and financing of the BMA's visit to Dublin

BMA/5/3/2 Reception rooms committee 13 July 1932 - 7 July 1933

Extent:
c.200 pages

Creator:
BMA Dublin Meeting Receptions Rooms Committee

Description:
Bound volume containing typescript minutes of the reception room committee, which had responsibility

for organising the hire of rooms for the various events as part of the visit. Minutes cover only 11 page.

BMA/5/3/3 BMA ladies club visitors book 21 July 1933

Extent:
102 pages

Creator:
British Medical Association

Description:
Visitors book from the 1933 BMA visit to Dublin. The book contains details of lady visitors both doctors and wives of doctors. Book records name of visitor, name of member introducing them, home address and address while staying in Dublin.

BMA/5/3/4 Health and Hygiene Supplement 25 July 1933

Extent:
40 pages

Creator:
The Irish Times

Description:
Special supplement from the Irish Times to commemorate the visit of the British Medical Association to Dublin in 1933. Supplement contains articles on the history of the BMA, Dublin Hospitals and Irish physicians and surgeons.

BMA/5/3/5 Map of places of interest July 1933

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
British Medical Association

Description:

Printed map of Dublin showing place of interest for
visitors to the BMA meeting held in Dublin in July
1933

BMA/5/4
Doctors' hobbies exhibition

File
1952-1958

Extent:

2 items

Creator:

British Medical Association

Irish Medical Association

Description:

Catalogue from an exhibition hosted by the BMA and Irish Medical Association in Trinity College Dublin in 1952, showcasing Doctors' hobbies,. Also a copy of The Waiting Room magazine containing an article on a similar exhibition held in London in 1958.

See also BMS/4 for details of the Doctors' Hobbies Exhibition held in 1933.

BMA/6
History of the BMA

File
1882, 1894

Extent:

2 items

Creator:

Moore, John William, 1845-1937

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

Article on the Dublin Branch of the BMA reprinted from the British Medical Journal (1882), with John William Moore's presidential address on '*The influence and duties of the branches of the British Medical Association*'.

BMA/7
Newspaper cuttings

File
[1880s]

Extent:

8 items

Creator:

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch

Description:

Newspaper cuttings relating to the Dublin Branch of the BMA